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passageway therein transverse to the steering tube receiving  
passageway and in communication therewith;

a steering tube clamp in the clamp receiving passageway  
and comprising

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a pair of cooperating clamp members aligned in  
side-by-side relation and comprising respective outer  
surface portions defining an imaginary cylinder and a  
recess therein for the steering tube, each clamp member  
also having at least one fastener receiving passageway  
therein offset a predetermined distance from an axis  
defined by the imaginary cylinder, and

at least one fastener extending between  
corresponding fastener receiving passageways of said  
pair of clamp members for urging said clamp members  
together to engage the steering tube and thereby secure  
the bicycle stem to the steering tube.

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D2

17. (Amended) A bicycle stem for connecting a bicycle  
handlebar to a bicycle steering tube, the bicycle stem  
comprising:

a body portion having opposing first and second ends;  
a handlebar clamping portion connected to the first end  
of said body portion;

a steering tube clamping portion connected to the  
second end of said body portion and having a tubular shape  
defining a steering tube receiving passageway therethrough, said  
steering tube clamping portion also having a clamp receiving  
passageway therein transverse to the steering tube receiving  
passageway and in communication therewith;

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a steering tube clamp in the clamp receiving passageway and comprising

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a pair of cooperating clamp members aligned in side-by-side relation and comprising respective outer surface portions defining an imaginary cylinder and a recess therein for the steering tube, each clamp member also having at least one fastener receiving passageway therein offset a predetermined distance from an axis defined by the imaginary cylinder in a direction away from the recess, and

at least one fastener extending between corresponding fastener receiving passageways of said pair of clamp members for urging said clamp members together to engage the steering tube and thereby secure the bicycle stem to the steering tube;

said body portion, handlebar clamping portion and steering tube clamping portion being integrally formed as a monolithic unit.

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24. (Amended) A bicycle stem for connecting a bicycle handlebar to a bicycle steering tube, the bicycle stem comprising:

a body portion having opposing first and second ends;

a handlebar clamping portion connected to the first end of said body portion;

a steering tube clamping portion connected to the second end of said body portion and having a tubular shape defining a steering tube receiving passageway therethrough, said steering tube clamping portion also having a clamp receiving

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a pair of cooperating clamp members aligned in  
side-by-side relation and comprising respective outer  
surface portions defining an imaginary cylinder and a  
recess therein for the steering tube, each clamp member  
having a plurality of fastener receiving passageways  
therein offset a predetermined distance from an axis of  
the imaginary cylinder, and

a plurality of fasteners extending between  
corresponding fastener receiving passageways of said  
pair of clamp members for urging said clamp members  
together to engage the steering tube and thereby secure  
the bicycle stem to the steering tube.

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28. (Amended) A bicycle stem according to Claim 24  
wherein [said clamp members also comprise portions defining an  
imaginary cylinder; and wherein] the fastener receiving  
passageways are also canted at a predetermined angle from  
parallel to [an] the axis of the imaginary cylinder.

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33. (Amended) A bicycle stem for connecting a bicycle  
handlebar to a bicycle steering tube, the bicycle stem  
comprising:

a body portion having opposing first and second ends;  
a handlebar clamping portion connected to the first end  
of said body portion;